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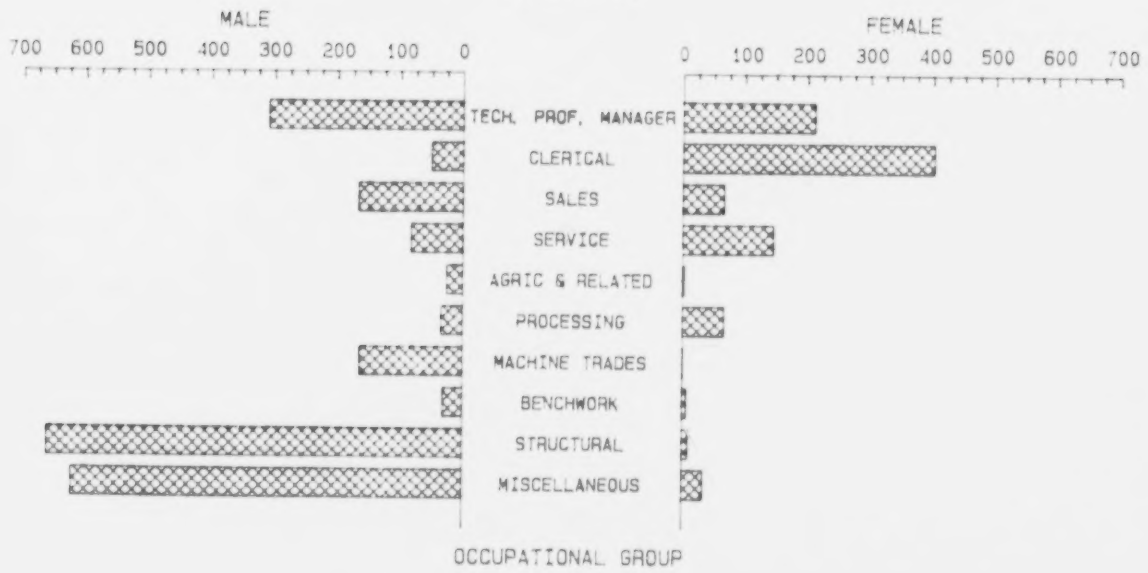

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

This article describes some of the characteristics of the unemployed workers who were beneficiaries under North Dakota's unemployment insurance system in October 1986. In addition, comparisons are made using October data from previous years. October was chosen because it is traditionally a period of peak employment so a review of the characteristics of the October unemployed should give an indication of nonseasonal trends in the labor market.

The total number of claimants for unemployment benefits in October 1986 was 3,150. This represented a decline of 503 workers, or 13.8 percent, from September 1986 and a decrease of 467 workers, or 12.9 percent, from the previous year. In reviewing October data for the past six years, the number of people claiming benefits was at its lowest level in 1981 (2,445 unemployed). Covered unemployment reached its highest level in 1982 (5,036 unemployed) reflecting, in part, the national economic downturn and also the first major drop in oil prices.

Of all beneficiaries in October 1986, 69 percent were men and 31 percent women. Historically, the percentage of men claiming benefits increases as workers not ordinarily unemployed become jobless. In 1981, the October with lowest unemployment, the percentage of men and women beneficiaries was 60 percent and 40 percent, respectively. In the high unemployment period of 1982, the percentage of men claiming benefits increased to 70 percent.

Over time, most male claimants last worked in structural occupations (i.e., construction, welding, electrical installation and repair, excavating, grading, and related occupations). The greatest number of women last worked in clerical occupations. In October 1986, the following four occupational categories accounted for the highest concentration of unemployed workers:

Structural Work Occupations--21 percent
Miscellaneous Occupations (includes occupations in motor freight, transportation, mining, and utilities)--20 percent
Professional, Technical, and Managerial Occupations--17 percent
Clerical and Sales Occupations--22 percent

In all six of the Octobers studied, the greatest number of claimants was between the ages of 25 and 34. Between the years of 1981 and 1986, this age group increased by 5 percentage points (35 percent to 40 percent), reflecting the influx of the baby boom generation into the workforce.

The duration of unemployment varies with economic conditions as claimants rely upon benefits when job opportunities are not available. The number of long-term unemployed (claimants whose current spell of unemployment has lasted 15 weeks or longer) reached 999, or 31.8 percent, during October 1984. Of the time periods included in the comparison, October 1985 had the least number of long-term unemployed--207 workers, or 5.6 percent of the claimants. In October 1986, a total of 306 workers, or 9.4 percent of the unemployed, drew benefits 15 weeks or longer.

As this data suggests, the influence of economic conditions, personal characteristics, and occupational attachment affects the composition and benefit experience of North Dakota's unemployed. Other factors such as legislative changes to the Unemployment Insurance Program, stricter enforcement of eligibility standards, and federal administrative rule changes also affect the data. Further labor market information is available by writing the Research and Statistics Section at the address listed on the back page.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

Industry	Current Month Oct. 1986	Previous Month Sept. 1986	One Year Ago Oct. 1985	Percent Change From: One Month Ago Sept. 1986	Percent Change From: One Year Ago Oct. 1985
TOTAL	252,710	252,300	255,320	0.2%	-1.0%
MINING	4,330	4,520	6,920	-4.2%	-37.4%
Coal	1,190	1,200	1,330	-0.8%	-10.5%
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	2,650	2,790	5,120	-5.0%	-48.2%
Other Mining	490	530	470	-7.5%	4.3%
CONSTRUCTION	12,590	12,970	13,420	-2.9%	-6.2%
Building Construction	3,630	3,680	3,590	-1.4%	1.1%
Street, Highway & Heavy	3,650	3,940	4,140	-7.4%	-11.8%
Special Trade Construction	5,310	5,350	5,690	-0.7%	-6.7%
MANUFACTURING	15,900	15,950	15,990	-0.3%	-0.6%
Durable Goods	6,210	6,290	6,410	-1.3%	-3.1%
Stone, Clay, & Glass	890	920	1,000	-3.3%	-11.0%
Primary & Fabricated Metals	690	690	640	0.0%	7.8%
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,520	3,570	3,720	-1.4%	-5.4%
Other Durable Goods	1,110	1,110	1,050	0.0%	5.7%
Nondurable Goods	9,690	9,660	9,580	0.3%	1.1%
Food & Kindred Products	5,020	4,950	5,050	1.4%	-0.6%
Dairy Products	820	860	870	-4.7%	-5.7%
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	2,020	1,940	2,130	4.1%	-5.2%
Bakery Products	410	410	440	0.0%	-6.8%
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,770	1,740	1,610	1.7%	9.9%
Printing & Publishing	2,430	2,440	2,440	-0.4%	-0.4%
Other Nondurable Goods	2,240	2,270	2,090	-1.3%	7.2%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	15,920	15,840	16,580	0.5%	-4.0%
Transportation	7,840	7,710	7,960	1.7%	-1.5%
Trucking & Warehousing	4,400	4,270	4,350	3.0%	1.1%
Other Transportation	3,440	3,440	3,610	0.0%	-4.7%
Communications	3,290	3,300	3,480	-0.3%	-5.5%
Public Utilities	4,790	4,830	5,140	-0.8%	-6.8%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

Industry	Current Month Oct. 1986	Previous Month Sept. 1986	One Year Ago Oct. 1985	Percent Change From One Month Ago Sept. 1986	Percent Change From One Year Ago Oct. 1985
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,410	19,580	19,630	-0.9%	-1.1%
Durable Goods	9,320	9,480	9,600	-1.7%	-2.9%
Nondurable Goods	10,090	10,100	10,030	-0.1%	0.6%
RETAIL TRADE	47,950	48,260	47,910	-0.6%	0.1%
General Merchandise	5,980	5,920	6,070	1.0%	-1.5%
Food Stores	6,740	6,760	6,520	-0.3%	3.4%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,790	6,820	6,720	-0.4%	1.0%
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,810	2,800	2,850	0.4%	-1.4%
Other Retail	25,630	25,960	25,750	-1.3%	-0.5%
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,520	12,570	12,440	-0.4%	0.6%
Finance	6,840	6,850	6,800	-0.1%	0.6%
Banking	4,220	4,240	4,320	-0.5%	-2.3%
Other Finance	2,620	2,610	2,480	0.4%	5.6%
Insurance	3,780	3,790	3,760	-0.3%	0.5%
Real Estate	1,900	1,930	1,880	-1.6%	1.1%
SERVICES	60,010	60,280	58,390	-0.4%	2.8%
Lodging	4,240	4,280	4,420	-0.9%	-4.1%
Nursing & Personal Care	6,430	6,480	6,190	-0.8%	3.9%
Hospitals	12,390	12,350	12,280	0.3%	0.9%
Other Medical	6,630	6,670	6,290	-0.6%	5.4%
Other Services	30,320	30,500	29,210	-0.6%	3.8%
GOVERNMENT	64,080	62,330	64,040	2.8%	0.1%
Federal	9,550	9,640	9,470	-0.9%	0.8%
State Government	19,530	17,920	19,640	9.0%	-0.6%
Educational Services	12,660	10,970	12,840	15.4%	-1.4%
Other State Government	6,870	6,950	6,800	-1.2%	1.0%
Local Government	35,000	34,770	34,930	0.7%	0.2%
Educational Services	17,450	16,690	17,370	4.6%	0.5%
Other Local Government	17,550	18,080	17,560	-2.9%	-0.1%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Current Month Oct. 1986	Previous Month Sept. 1986	One Year Ago Oct. 1985	Percent Change From: One Month Ago Sept. 1986	Percent Change From: One Year Ago Oct. 1985
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	69,730	67,980	68,820	2.6%	1.3%
Mining & Construction	3,750	3,790	3,680	-1.1%	1.9%
Manufacturing	4,940	4,970	4,990	-0.6%	-1.0%
Durable Goods	1,800	1,850	1,910	-2.7%	-5.8%
Nondurable Goods	3,140	3,120	3,080	0.6%	1.9%
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	3,970	4,000	4,090	-0.8%	-2.9%
Trade	20,850	20,770	20,390	0.4%	2.3%
Wholesale Trade	6,700	6,740	6,690	-0.6%	0.1%
Retail Trade	14,150	14,030	13,700	0.9%	3.3%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,430	4,440	4,250	-0.2%	4.2%
Services	18,290	17,350	17,750	5.4%	3.0%
Government	13,500	12,660	13,670	6.6%	-1.2%
Federal	2,170	2,160	2,110	0.5%	2.8%
State & Local	11,330	10,500	11,560	7.9%	-2.0%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	29,480	28,610	28,780	3.0%	2.4%
Mining & Construction	1,820	1,920	1,720	-5.2%	5.8%
Manufacturing	1,500	1,480	1,440	1.4%	4.2%
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,410	1,450	1,470	-2.8%	-4.1%
Trade	8,070	8,130	8,060	-0.7%	0.1%
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,410	1,390	-0.7%	0.7%
Retail Trade	6,670	6,720	6,670	-0.7%	0.0%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,100	1,090	1,070	0.9%	2.8%
Services	6,380	6,350	6,100	0.5%	4.6%
Government	9,200	8,190	8,920	12.3%	3.1%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	36,320	36,440	36,220	-0.3%	0.3%
Mining	200	200	210	0.0%	-4.8%
Construction	1,580	1,650	1,750	-4.2%	-9.7%
Manufacturing	1,980	1,980	1,980	0.0%	0.0%
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,690	2,680	2,910	0.4%	-7.6%
Trade	9,670	9,670	9,720	0.0%	-0.5%
Wholesale	2,280	2,310	2,340	-1.3%	-2.6%
Retail	7,390	7,360	7,380	0.4%	0.1%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,700	1,720	1,690	-1.2%	0.6%
Services	10,270	10,360	9,990	-0.9%	2.8%
Government	8,230	8,180	7,970	0.6%	3.3%

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month Oct. 1986	Previous Month Sept. 1986	One Year Ago Oct. 1985	Percent Change From Sept. 1986	Percent Change From Oct. 1985
All Items	322.2	330.5	330.2	325.5	0.1	1.5
Food & Beverage	302.0	315.6	315.1	302.5	0.2	4.3
Housing	349.9	363.0	363.7	354.4	-0.2	2.4
Apparel & Upkeep	206.0	213.2	212.1	211.1	0.5	1.0
Transportation	319.9	302.6	302.2	320.9	0.1	-5.7
Medical Care	403.1	442.3	439.7	410.5	0.6	7.7
Entertainment	265.0	276.5	275.3	268.4	0.4	3.0

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month Oct. 1986	Previous Month Sept. 1986	One Year Ago Oct. 1985	Percent Change From Sept. 1986	Percent Change From Oct. 1985
All Commodities	308.8	298.3	297.7	307.9	0.2	-3.1
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	250.5	255.4	254.6	245.1	0.3	4.2
Industrial Commodities	323.9	309.3	308.8	324.2	0.2	-4.6

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	396.01	398.93	388.28	40.7	41.0	40.7	9.73	9.73	9.54
Durable Goods	424.56	428.48	418.78	41.3	41.6	41.3	10.28	10.30	10.14
Nondurable Goods	357.50	359.79	346.73	39.9	40.2	39.9	8.96	8.95	8.69
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	319.37	320.54	313.50	38.9	38.9	38.8	8.21	8.24	8.08
Durable Goods	345.07	349.06	334.23	39.8	40.4	39.0	8.67	8.64	8.57
Nondurable Goods	303.74	302.86	300.70	38.4	38.0	38.7	7.91	7.97	7.77
Food & Kindred	322.00	314.98	325.71	40.0	38.6	42.3	8.05	8.16	7.70
Printing & Publishing	277.62	279.46	287.47	32.7	32.8	33.9	8.49	8.52	8.48
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	314.53	321.41	320.12	37.4	38.4	38.2	8.41	8.37	8.38
Durable Goods	326.42	323.44	321.39	38.0	39.3	37.9	8.59	8.23	8.48
Nondurable Goods	308.67	321.10	319.49	37.1	38.0	38.4	8.32	8.45	8.32

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985
Divide	1,598	1,703	1,702	1,529	1,630	1,639	69	73	63	4.3	4.3	3.7
McKenzie	3,568	3,772	3,761	3,356	3,531	3,617	212	241	144	5.9	6.4	3.8
Williams	13,017	13,517	14,278	11,415	11,783	13,352	1,602	1,734	926	12.3	12.8	6.5
REGION 1 TOTAL	18,183	18,992	19,741	16,300	16,944	18,608	1,883	2,048	1,133	10.4	10.8	5.7
Bottineau	3,685	3,931	3,992	3,482	3,708	3,752	203	223	240	5.5	5.7	6.0
Burke	1,578	1,699	1,627	1,460	1,572	1,520	118	127	107	7.5	7.5	6.6
McHenry	2,810	3,178	3,034	2,617	2,890	2,755	193	288	279	6.9	9.1	9.2
Mountrail	3,624	3,871	3,344	3,315	3,541	3,093	309	330	251	8.5	8.5	7.5
Pierce	2,527	2,720	2,671	2,446	2,631	2,559	81	89	112	3.2	3.3	4.2
Renville	1,463	1,593	1,490	1,348	1,474	1,394	115	119	96	7.9	7.5	6.4
Ward	24,964	25,670	25,901	23,693	24,292	24,386	1,271	1,378	1,515	5.1	5.4	5.8
REGION 2 TOTAL	40,651	42,662	42,059	38,361	40,108	39,459	2,290	2,554	2,600	5.6	6.0	6.2
Benson	3,378	3,598	3,322	3,171	3,393	3,120	207	205	202	6.1	5.7	6.1
Cavalier	2,719	2,950	2,879	2,654	2,864	2,804	65	86	75	2.4	2.9	2.6
Eddy	1,448	1,611	1,501	1,405	1,538	1,428	43	73	73	3.0	4.5	4.9
Ramsey	6,358	6,640	6,446	6,155	6,433	6,147	203	207	299	3.2	3.1	4.6
Rolette	5,199	5,409	5,183	4,640	4,827	4,712	559	582	471	10.8	10.8	9.1
Towner	1,706	1,876	1,942	1,673	1,847	1,872	33	29	70	1.9	1.5	3.6
REGION 3 TOTAL	20,808	22,084	21,273	19,698	20,902	20,083	1,110	1,182	1,190	5.3	5.4	5.6
Grand Forks	34,868	34,476	34,829	33,902	33,560	33,978	966	916	851	2.8	2.7	2.4
Nelson	2,065	2,241	2,201	2,015	2,185	2,128	50	56	73	2.4	2.5	3.3
Pembina	5,512	5,683	5,769	5,208	5,374	5,537	304	309	232	5.5	5.4	4.0
Walsh	8,354	8,720	8,463	8,073	8,437	8,153	281	283	310	3.4	3.2	3.7
REGION 4 TOTAL	50,799	51,120	51,262	49,198	49,556	49,796	1,601	1,564	1,466	3.2	3.1	2.9
Cass	54,735	54,792	55,650	53,514	53,140	54,082	1,221	1,652	1,568	2.2	3.0	2.8
Ransom	2,779	2,970	2,776	2,729	2,920	2,703	50	50	73	1.8	1.7	2.6
Richland	8,720	8,988	8,551	8,398	8,670	8,124	322	318	427	3.7	3.5	5.0
Sargent	2,608	2,749	2,676	2,510	2,647	2,615	98	102	61	3.8	3.7	2.3
Steele	1,226	1,387	1,327	1,193	1,349	1,273	33	38	54	2.7	2.7	4.1
Traill	4,778	4,956	4,686	4,659	4,823	4,561	119	133	125	2.5	2.7	2.7
REGION 5 TOTAL	74,846	75,842	75,666	73,003	73,549	73,358	1,843	2,293	2,308	2.5	3.0	3.1

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985
Barnes	5,962	6,320	6,199	5,837	6,143	6,001	125	177	198	2.1	2.8	3.2
Dickey	3,413	3,699	3,484	3,335	3,629	3,399	78	70	85	2.3	1.9	2.4
Foster	2,233	2,360	2,261	2,133	2,250	2,213	100	110	48	4.5	4.7	2.1
Griggs	1,538	1,723	1,577	1,510	1,686	1,517	28	37	60	1.8	2.1	3.8
La Moure	2,541	2,800	2,624	2,483	2,739	2,560	58	61	64	2.3	2.2	2.4
Logan	1,554	1,729	1,533	1,485	1,660	1,483	69	69	50	4.4	4.0	3.3
McIntosh	2,300	2,505	2,416	2,241	2,428	2,346	59	77	70	2.6	3.1	2.9
Stutsman	12,367	12,931	12,639	11,869	12,378	12,092	498	553	547	4.0	4.3	4.3
Wells	3,004	3,235	3,158	2,914	3,115	3,010	90	120	148	3.0	3.7	4.7
REGION 6 TOTAL	34,912	37,302	35,891	33,807	36,028	34,621	1,105	1,274	1,270	3.2	3.4	3.5
Burleigh	29,775	30,718	30,831	28,163	28,920	28,875	1,612	1,798	1,956	5.4	5.9	6.3
Emmons	2,338	2,577	2,465	2,225	2,452	2,365	113	125	100	4.8	4.9	4.1
Grant	2,013	2,328	2,148	1,939	2,213	2,041	74	115	107	3.7	4.9	5.0
Kidder	1,616	1,852	1,609	1,516	1,722	1,528	100	130	81	6.2	7.0	5.0
McLean	4,611	4,940	5,040	4,319	4,590	4,644	292	350	396	6.3	7.1	7.9
Mercer	5,120	5,498	6,913	4,645	4,985	6,242	475	513	671	9.3	9.3	9.7
Morton	13,229	13,719	13,929	12,654	12,995	12,974	575	724	955	4.3	5.3	6.9
Oliver	1,339	1,448	1,144	1,275	1,372	1,043	64	76	101	4.8	5.2	8.8
Sheridan	1,298	1,510	1,277	1,250	1,449	1,240	48	61	37	3.7	4.0	2.9
Sioux	1,352	1,451	1,266	1,241	1,330	1,164	111	121	102	8.2	8.3	8.1
REGION 7 TOTAL	62,691	66,041	66,622	59,227	62,028	62,116	3,464	4,013	4,506	5.5	6.1	6.8
Adams	1,793	1,951	1,850	1,744	1,873	1,806	49	78	44	2.7	4.0	2.4
Billings	784	1,167	829	765	1,132	791	19	35	38	2.4	3.0	4.6
Bowman	2,242	2,471	2,432	2,108	2,300	2,299	134	171	133	6.0	6.9	5.5
Dunn	1,896	2,240	2,132	1,791	2,093	1,987	105	147	145	5.5	6.6	6.8
Golden Valley	1,129	1,154	1,146	1,099	1,107	1,086	30	47	60	2.7	4.1	5.2
Hettinger	2,051	2,270	2,137	1,935	2,156	2,046	116	114	91	5.7	5.0	4.3
Slope	502	606	567	466	551	520	36	55	47	7.2	9.1	8.3
Stark	12,079	12,684	13,031	11,046	11,485	12,105	1,033	1,199	926	8.6	9.5	7.1
REGION 8 TOTAL	22,476	24,543	24,124	20,954	22,697	22,640	1,522	1,846	1,484	6.8	7.5	6.2
STATE TOTAL	325,366	338,586	336,638	310,548	321,812	320,681	14,818	16,774	15,957	4.6	5.0	4.7

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month Oct. 1986	Previous Month Sept. 1986	One Year Ago Oct. 1985	Percent Change From Sept. 1986	Percent Change From Oct. 1985
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	120,231	119,936	117,814	0.2	2.1
Employment	111,989	111,607	109,513	0.3	2.3
Unemployment	8,242	8,329	8,301	-1.0	-0.7
Unemployment Rate	6.9%	6.9%	7.0%	XX	XX
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	325,370	338,580	336,640	-3.9	-3.3
Employment	310,550	321,810	320,680	-3.5	-3.2
Unemployment	14,820	16,770	15,960	-11.6	-7.1
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	5.0%	4.7%	XX	XX
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	81,820	81,520	82,490	0.4	-0.8
Employment	80,000	79,160	80,080	1.1	-0.1
Unemployment	1,820	2,360	2,410	-22.9	-24.5
Unemployment Rate	2.2%	2.9%	2.9%	XX	XX
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	34,870	34,480	34,830	1.1	0.1
Employment	33,900	33,560	33,980	1.0	-0.2
Unemployment	970	920	850	5.4	14.1
Unemployment Rate	2.8%	2.7%	2.4%	XX	XX
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	43,010	44,440	44,760	-3.2	-3.9
Employment	40,820	41,920	41,850	-2.6	-2.5
Unemployment	2,190	2,520	2,910	-13.1	-24.7
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	5.7%	6.5%	XX	XX

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
SEPT. 1986
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	338.6	353.1	2,249.2	401.5
Employment	321.8	340.4	2,153.7	375.1
Unemployment	16.8	12.7	95.5	26.4
Unemployment Rate	5.0	3.6	4.2	6.6

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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